

# USDA Assistance for Fruit & Vegetable Growers



## What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist growers with applying practices such as irrigation, IPM, conservation tillage, buffers, nutrient management, pollinator habitat establishment, and more than 100 other practices
- Technical assistance to help growers in carrying out the practices
- Financial assistance or incentive payments to reduce the cost to the producer

## How do I apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS or Conservation District office at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/>
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for one of the cost share or incentive programs



## When do I apply?

- Signup for programs is continuous.
- The applications are grouped and ranked monthly, so it's best to apply early.
- Contracts are written as long as funding lasts.

## Are all growers eligible?

- Some programs are only available to farmers who have at least \$1,000 in gross receipts.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for additional incentive payments in some programs.



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